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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 8629

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, EC

SUBJECT: GENERAL GONZALEZ' ACCOUNT OF SEPTEMBER 1 COUP

1. QUITO MORNING NEWSPAPER, EL TIEMPO, PUBLISHED ON NOV. 26, A LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF THE SEPT. 1 ABORTED COUP WRITTEN BY GENERAL RAUL GONZALEZ ALVEAR, WHO LED THE ATTEMPT AND IS CURRENTLY IN EXILE IN CHILE. THE GONZALEZ ACCOUNT MAKES CHARGES OF MISMANAGEMENT AND CORRUPTION AGAINST THE RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT AND NAMES A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICERS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN COUP PLANNING AND PREPARATION. AMONG THOSE NAMED ARE OFFICERS STILL OCCUPYING HIGH AND KEY POSITIONS IN THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES, SUCH AS CARLOS ALFONSO VILLAGOMEZ, CHIEF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE, COL. LUIS ABAD CADENA, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE AIR FORCE, AND CAPTAIN RAUL SORROSA ENCALADA, CURRENTLY ACTING GOVERNOR IN GUAYAS. ADMIRAL POVEDA IS ALSO TAINTED IN THE GONZALEZ ACCOUNT.

2. ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF COL. VILLAGOMEZ TOLD DEFENSE ATTACHE THIS MORNING THAT GONZALEZ' ACCOUNT WAS CAUSING SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR ARMED FORCES. PRESIDENT  
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RODRIGUEZ REPORTEDLY MET WITH SERVICE COMMANDERS THIS

MORNING.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY CANNOT ASSESS AT THIS TIME FULL  
IMPACT OF GONZALEZ' ARTICLE ON UNITY OF ECUADOREAN ARMED  
FORCES, WHICH IS POWER-BASE OF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. WE  
ARE OBSERVING SITUATION AND WILL REPORT AS WARRANTED.  
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